

REMARKS

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It is noted that this application is filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b) without a filing fee and declaration. The applicants are claiming the filing date of copending applications Serial No. 08/720,721, filed 2 October 96 and now on appeal, and application Serial No. 09/524,148, filed 14 March 2000. A Response to a Notice to File Missing Parts (Filing Date Granted) dated 17 May 2000 is filed on even date herewith in the pertinent application. Thus, the subject parent applications are now copending with the subject application and therefore the subject application is entitled to the benefit of 35 U.S.C. 120.

The specification has been amended to include a cross reference to the parent applications.

By the above amendments original claims 1-19 of application Serial No. 08/720,721 and original claims 1-5 (claims 20-24 herein) are cancelled and claims 25-63 added for purposes of examination of the subject application.

The applicants request that the newly added claims be made of record in the subject application before an action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,
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